

VAW-113

BLACK EAGLES



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“Safely build and maintain a winning, fighting team of warriors capable of commanding and controlling the delivery of fierce, rapid and lethal combat power, anytime, anywhere.” Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113’s mission highlights the *Black Eagles*’ readiness to support the fleet.

The squadron flies the Grumman E-2C *Hawkeye*, and will conduct the operational evaluation for the first Mission Computer Upgrade coupled with an Advanced Control Indicator Set aircraft for the fleet, a major step forward in the Hawkeye 2000 program.



Established on 20 April 1967 at NAS North Island, Calif., the *Black Eagles* moved to NAS Miramar in 1975 and in 1998 to their present home at NAS Point Mugu. VAW-113 has operated the E-2A, B and C over the western Pacific, Indian Ocean, northern Pacific and the Mediterranean, serving in Vietnam, the Iranian hostage crisis and Operations Desert Shield, Southern Watch and Desert Strike against Iraq, as well as flying counter-drug missions.

The keen-eyed eagle of the insignia symbolizes VAW-113’s role as the eyes of the fleet.